



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, Sept. 29**  
Pot Luck Snack & Yak  
after worship

**Friday, Oct. 4**  
**5:00 pm**  
Family Movie Night with  
Pizza & Movies

**Sunday, Oct. 6**  
10:30 am World Wide  
Communion Sunday

**Monday, Oct. 14**  
**Columbus Day**

**Saturday, Oct. 26**  
5:00 pm Covered  
Dish & Candle  
Wrapping in  
Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, Oct. 27**  
10:30 am  
Kick Off for Operation  
Christmas Child

**Thursday, Oct. 31**  
**Halloween**

**Sunday, Nov. 3**  
Daylight Savings  
Time Ends—



## Mail Order

Have you seen the commercials for Hello Fresh or Home Chef? They are mail order meal kits. And there are several more mail order meal kits out there, For me, I like going to the grocery store. I like selecting my fruits and veggies. I enjoy reading recipes and exploring g through a plate. But I do get the concept of a mail order meal kit. For time-pressed individuals, mail order meal kits may be a dream come true.

I have recently discovered mail order service that has me intrigued. It's called Faithbox. The Faithbox writes this about their service: "Every month is different, and you won't know what's in the box until it arrives at your front door! Each Faithbox is based on an uplifting theme and includes our daily devotional book, Everyday Faith, plus inspired content and tools to help you end the month more centered in Christ that you began. We also include amazing products and books that have a positive impact on the world!"



Faithbox seems to be a mail order service that feeds the soul. It's an exciting way to keep one's faith journey growing. Because I am sure there are times when we all need a reboot or a refresher. I liked going to Lifeway Christian stores or the local Hearts and Minds Christian bookstore. I liked spending hours browsing through shelves and shelves. But then I had kids. Target's Drive Up option and Amazon Prime have become my go-to ways to shop for everything else but groceries. I don't get to see as frequently what's new in the world of devotionals or spiritual growth books. Again, I am not the only one. So Faithbox has potential.

As the leaves turn and the weather chills, look for ways to grow deeper with Christ. Make the time, create the space, and fall into Jesus.

*Pastor Sayward*

## Worship Wednesday!

Check out First's Facebook page on Wednesdays!  
Every Wednesday there will be a  
"mini" personal worship devotion to get you  
through the rest of the week!



### Average Attendance in Worship

September 2019: 31.25

September 2018: 37.5

### Offerings: Aug. 25—Sept. 22

General: \$6,261.04      Refurbishing Fund: \$183.00

Parking: \$183.00      Dividends: \$3.06

Memorials: \$1,680.00      Sensory Room: \$67.00

Donation from Sensory Room: \$1,000.00

## Elders Report

Some discussion was given to expanding our ministry with the Sensory Room. Ideas included incorporating Parents' Night Out with First & Sensory Room families, a sponsored time for families at the Curious Little Playhouse or Tumble Town, a mini Bike-A-Thon, and a one-day VBS program. We will continue doing the Back to School Breakfast & Haircuts. Both Liz and Rande from the Sensory Play Group were contacted and all ideas were well received by them.

## Trustees Report

A special "thank you" to Jeff Rishel for repairing the crumbling window well on the southside of the church.

Six new fire extinguishers were purchased and installed in the church. An additional two new fire extinguishers were installed in the Annex.

Trustees are currently getting estimates to repair the radiator in Pastor Sayward's office.

A new (gently used) amplifier was found online and purchased by Kevin Lippincott with the Joint Board's approval.

Food vouchers (\$10) are being purchased with the remaining Food Pantry funds and will be available from 10-11 AM at the church annex the 4th Saturday of every month. These vouchers can be used at the York County Food Bank to buy 50 lbs of food. Monetary donations to buy additional vouchers are welcome! See Linda Rishel if you wish to donate.

## Kidsfest

Volunteers are needed for one or two Sundays a month to lead a *Kidsfest* program during the worship hour. OR maybe someone would like to deliver a message one Sunday and then Pastor Sayward could lead the *Kidsfest* program! Please let Pastor Sayward know if you are interested in lending a hand with *Kidsfest*!

## Moravian News Briefs

The Moravian Church Center's new address is as follows: 1021 Center St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

**A REMINDER ... 2020 Moravian Daily Texts monies will be collected when the Texts arrive in early November.**

**2019 Moravian Daily Texts ...** our church office has two extra copies of the 2019 Daily Texts. Please see Chris or John if you are interested.

Sympathies and prayers to **Sr. Dawn Volpe**, pastor of the Ephraim Moravian Church in Ephraim, WS, and her husband on the death of Bob's mother, Lana Anderson, who passed away in Alexandria, VA on Sept. 22, 2019.

Ongoing prayers for **Sr. Valerie Ferguson**, wife of **Br. Wellesley Ferguson**, pastor of the Vanderbilt and Fellowship Moravian Churches in New York. Valerie is being treated for a mass in her brain. She underwent her first surgery in June and had a second in early July.

**Fall Festival at Camp Hope** Join others on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019 for a wonderful day at camp, featuring fabulous fall food, pumpkins, apples and leaves highlighted in crafts and games, and Harry's Hayrides, Come and vote for the best Moravian Sugar Cake at the Sugar Cake Bake-Off!! See the box on page 5 of this newsletter for more info!

We invite your prayers for the people of Albania, and particularly the Moravian Church there, in the aftermath of a 5.6 magnitude earthquake that struck there. The epicenter was quite close to the capital, Tirana, where the Moravian Church is headquartered. **Sr. Dena Fortuzi**, leader of the Moravian Church in Albania, reports that everyone is safe. There is some damage to buildings, which are being assessed by government officials for safety.

The Nicaraguan online newspaper, "Sistema de Noticias del Caribe," reported on Sept. 3, 2019, of the violent intrusion of a group of people into the offices of the Moravian headquarters in Bilwi, injuring two people which caused the relocation of these offices. The group intruding claim to represent a number of pastors and members of the Moravian Church, who, in January 2016, have dismissed duly elected the Provincial Board and chosen other leaders. At a press conference, Br. Joseph Rivera, chairman of the legitimate Provincial Board, explained the dramatic events of the past months and days, assisted by Nubia Hammer, the church's lawyer.

## Blessing Bags

The Joint Board spent some time with Dr. Jill Peters from Moravian College and the Mission Insite Program through the Moravian Church Eastern District. The Program uses the demographics around the church to help determine ministry possibilities. Dr. Peters reminded the Joint Board to experiment and try little things.

We are starting with a new “little thing” since the closing of our Food Pantry. We have had several visitors to the church, many of whom have slept on the picnic table for a day or two before moving on. We will now be stocking the empty counter and cupboards of the Food Pantry with shelf-stable items for Blessing Bags. Our Blessing Bags will be given to anyone who may need one. Inside each bag we will also be placing a note of encouragement and a list of where to find free meals in the city. Items can be donated any time—a box will be available in the Narthex.

Below is a list of donatable items for the Blessing Bags, many of which can be found at the Dollar Store or travel sections in local stores.

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| Beef Jerky                              | Bottled water              | Instant heat packs |
| Dried fruit                             | Hard candy                 | Warm wool socks    |
| Granola bars                            | Chewing gum                | Gloves             |
| Shelf-stable applesauce pouches         | Mints                      | Knit hats          |
| Shelf-stable yogurt pouches             | Emergency poncho           | Scarves            |
| Shelf-stable chicken or tuna snack kits | Cleaning wipes             | Comb               |
| Crackers with cheese                    | Compact First-Aid kit      | Chapstick          |
| Shelf-stable milk or juice boxes        | Emergency thermal blankets |                    |

## October Lectors

- Oct. 6 Cliff Rowell
- Oct. 13 Sharon Saylor
- Oct. 20 Christine Dobron
- Oct. 27 Heidi Robinson

## October Children’s Chat

- Oct. 6 Linda Rishel
- Oct. 13 Rev. Steve Nicholas
- Oct. 20 John Knokey
- Oct. 27 Pastor Sayward

## October Ushers

Volunteers welcome!

## October Nursery Staff

As-needed basis

## 2020 Synod

The Eastern District Synod will convene on the North Campus of Moravian College in Bethlehem from June 24-27, 2020. The theme of this Synod is “Into the World ... This Is the Challenge of Our Mission.” Registration will take place from 8:30 am—12 noon on Wednesday, June 24th, with meetings for committee chairpersons, secretaries, and new delegates also scheduled for this time. Synod will be called to order at 1:00 pm on June 24th and will conclude with the noon meal on Saturday, June 27th. This Synod will include opportunities for hands-on experiences that demonstrate the theme of Synod. All planned mission-type experiences will take place on the Moravian College campus and will not involve traveling, as did the last District Synod. Please prayerfully consider representing First in 2020.

## Diners’ Club

Please consider joining our delightful little group — and **bring a friend or two** for some **quality mingling with fellow Christians!**

October 28 — Outback Steakhouse

November 23— Tokyo Diner

December 23—none scheduled due to Christmas holiday

## October Gatekeepers

- Oct. 6 Lance Sprenkle
- Oct. 13 Larry Sprenkle
- Oct. 20 Gary Paules
- Oct. 27 Jeff Rishel

# Sensory Play Group Page

Liz Jones, MS, OTR/L, Executive Director, Connections Early Intervention and Supports



Kalila has been attending Sensory Play Group since March 2018. Kalila was born pre-mature following 23 weeks gestation. She required a four-week Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) stay before she was discharged home with Mom and Dad.

Immediately, Kalila started receiving special instruction and physical therapy through York/Adams Early Intervention. Because Kalila was on a heart monitor and oxygen, tummy time was delayed until she was ten months old! She was not yet able to sit at her one year birthday. She now is receiving speech and occupational therapy in addition to the sensory play group.

Kalila's Mom shared that the Sensory Play Group has helped her really get over her own fear of separating from her daughter. She has been amazed by the love that complete strangers have shown her and her daughter stating, "I can't believe all of these therapists care about my child as much as I do."

Kalila's favorite part of Sensory Play Group is singing songs. Mom stated that Kalila "lights up when she sees her friends." Kalila's Mom also shared

that she has noticed the biggest improvements in Kalila's ability to communicate. She stated that Kalila is not afraid to be around other kids anymore. Since attending group, Kalila knows what to do with other kids!

Kalila's Mom shared her appreciation and thanks to all members of the First Moravian Church for supporting the Sensory Playgroup. She shared that "having this type of program in the city is amazing and without this location she would not be able to have her daughter participate." Outside of Sensory Play Group, Kalila and her family enjoy singing, dancing, and playing outside.

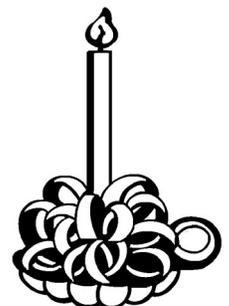
## October Happenings at First



### **FAMILY PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT, Friday, Oct. 4, 2019 at 5:00 PM**

Join us at 5 PM for pizza from Marcello's and beverages, then walk down as a group to the Capitol Theatre for FREE MOVIES!! Movies being shown are: A Charlie Brown Halloween and a Scooby Doo film. The movies are part of York's First Friday event. It promises to be a fun evening for the whole family. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. (We need to know a count in order to order enough pizza for everyone!)

Get in the Christmas spirit with an evening of **Candle Wrapping** on Saturday, Oct. 26th at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring a hot covered dish and enjoy some time with your fellow church members (bring a friend or two as well!) with delicious food and drinks, Christmas music and ... candle trimming!





## Family Corner



Yay, it's Fall! It's finally here! Apples, football, apple cider, pumpkins, colored leaves, and sweatshirts! I am a fan of fall! Outdoor adventures seem to be more enjoyable when the temperature cools down and the colors come out in the leaves.

Fall isn't all about Halloween, Trick or Treat or candy! There are many things to do in the fall with your family that doesn't include a sugar rush!

One of my kids' favorite thing to do is collect the fallen leaves.

We don't have many trees near our home so that means we get to go for a hike. After our walk and we have gathered armfuls of beautifully colored leaves, we have to decide what to do with them. Leaf prints are the top favorites.

### Leaf Prints

<https://www.firstpalette.com/craft/leaf-prints.html>

#### MATERIALS:

Real leaves, paper or fabric, Tempera or poster paint (for paper), fabric paint or acrylic paint (for cloth), paint brushes, mat or newspaper

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Collect leaves
2. Gather the rest of the materials
3. Paint leaf
4. Press leaf to paper or fabric
5. Remove leaf
6. Repeat



The **Operation Christmas Child Kick-Off** will be held Sunday, Oct 27th during worship. Packet information and labels will be provided. You may choose "Boy" or "Girl" and select an age category. The last day to collect boxes will be Sunday, Nov. 17th.



Fill a regular shoebox (one with a separate lid) with small toys, school supplies, hygiene products and other items suggested in the provided information packets. They are asking that we NOT include any candy, toothpaste or any liquid form items due to customs stipulations. Please wrap your boxes with Christmas paper and remember the lids must be wrapped separately! If you have extra boxes to share, please bring them to church.

## Camp Hope Fall Festival Saturday, October 5, 2019 11 AM—3 PM

All are welcome to come to camp for a fun afternoon of games, food, crafts and canoeing on Little Silver Lake. The store will be open with snacks, ice cream and Camp Hope Gear for sale. Rachel Marie, a long-time camper and counselor, will be sharing her music from 2-3 PM. Family photo sessions will be available for \$10, with a portion of that being donated to camp. Time slots are limited, so sign up upon arrival. We are hoping to fill a 5-gallon bucket with spare change during the festival, so bring your spare change! \$5 per person. Contact the Camp Office to sign up: 908-459-4435 or [hopecenter@camphope.org](mailto:hopecenter@camphope.org)

## October Birthdays

Oct. 1 Lewis Swartz  
 Oct. 3 Jane Kerchner  
 Oct. 6 Lindsey Short-Messersmith  
 Oct. 9 Stephanie Bish  
 Kody Neil

Oct. 11 Mary Wurzbach  
 Oct. 16 Rudy Moore  
 Oct. 17 Rev. Dean Jurgen  
 Oct. 24 Betsy Senft  
 Terri Zeigler

## October Anniversaries

Oct. 8 Timothy & Georgia Rishel  
 Oct. 11 Rt. Rev. M. Blair Couch &  
 Mr. Warren Gericke

Oct. 12 David & Carolyn Bailey  
 Rich & Missy Wurzbach  
 Oct. 16 Rev. & Mrs. Dean Jurgen

## Prayer Concerns

### Members & Friends

Amy Ardison (Betsy Senft's sister)  
 Jeanne Barshinger  
 Miriam Boll  
 Pastor Jeff Coppage  
 Ann Coppage  
 Don & Audris Eckert  
 Marie Enterline

Mary Jones  
 Peg & John Knaub  
 John Knokey  
 Glenn & Cheri Miley  
 Kathie Nicholas  
 Sam Pauley

Stanley Remley  
 Karrie Rishel  
 Cliff & Elaine Rowell  
 Ruth & Clair Seiple  
 Wes Senft  
 Lewis Swartz

### Shut-Ins

Jeanne Barshinger  
 Miriam Boll

Marie Enterline  
 Lewis Swartz

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## OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

### 2019 Watchword

**Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation  
from day to day.**

**Psalm 96:2**